

REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 7, 18 and 20 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Liu et al. The anticipation rejections are now moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-28.

Claims 2-4, 6, 8-13, 20-25 and 27-28 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14-19 and 26 have been allowed. The objections are now moot in view of the cancellation of claims 1-28.

Claims 29-52 have been added. It is submitted that Liu et al. fails to teach or suggest a coating comprised of a non-conductive polymer bonded to a water-borne polymeric complex that is water soluble prior to its application onto a surface and water insoluble after its application to the surface. Support for the added claims can be found in the specification on page 10, lines 1-21 and page 22, lines 30-33, bridging to page 23, lines 1-30.

It is submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance and an indication of the same is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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